

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 3, 12, 14, 16, 20 and 22-28 and ADD new claim 29 in accordance with the following:

1. ~~(CANCELLED)~~
2. (CANCELLED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising:
 - storing a table indicative of a correspondence between objects of use and necessary specifications of commodities required to achieve said objects of use;
 - displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities on a user's terminal with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities;
 - ~~preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and necessary specifications required for the commodities;~~
 - acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user ~~via the terminal using the first option from the table~~ based on said correspondence stored in the table, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of the commodities;
 - ~~retrieving the commodities~~ a commodity based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and
 - displaying, on the terminal, information ~~on a of the~~ commodity having the specifications specification corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of ~~specifications the specification~~ corresponding to the at least one object of use selected by the user, where said information of the commodity is retrieved using the specification as the retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

4. (ORIGINAL) The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.

5-11 (CANCELLED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus executing a transaction with an Internet terminal ~~by way of using the~~ Internet, the apparatus comprising:

a database storing information of commodities for sale, the information indicating a correspondence between objects of use and identifying necessary specifications required for the of commodities required to achieve and said objects of use of the commodities;

a communication unit for transmitting information for displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by said commodities on the Internet terminal and a second option listing the specifications of said commodities; and

a retrieval unit for retrieving ~~the database a commodity~~ based on at least one object of use selected by a user operating the Internet terminal from the first option, said retrieving being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of the commodities; and

where the communication unit transmits information of ~~a the~~ commodity having a specification corresponding to the selected object of use to the Internet terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user, and retrieves said information of the commodity using the specification as a retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet and executing a transaction via Internet with a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

a communication unit receiving information of items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities from the server, the plurality of objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities and corresponding to necessary specifications required for of the commodities required to achieve the specific operations;

a display unit displaying a first option indicating the plurality of objects of use of the commodities and a second option listing the specifications of said commodities; and
an input unit selecting at least one of the displayed objects of use of the commodities,
and

where the communication unit transmits to the server the selected object of use, receives from the server information of a commodity having a specification among said specifications of commodities corresponding to the selected object of use, without requiring a user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use, subsequent to indication of a desired operation by the user, and the display unit displays the received information, and said information of the commodity is retrieved using the specification as a retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable medium embodying a program for causing a computer to execute operations including a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal via a network, said operations comprising:

storing a table indicative of a correspondence between objects of use and necessary specifications of commodities required to achieve said objects of use;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities for sale on the terminal with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities;

~~preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and necessary specifications required for the commodities;~~

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user ~~operating the terminal using the first option from the table based on said correspondence stored in the table,~~ said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

~~retrieving the commodities a commodity for sale on the basis of based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and~~

transmitting to the terminal data ~~on a of the~~ commodity having ~~specifications a specification~~ corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the ~~specifications specification~~ corresponding to the selected object of use by the user, where said data of the commodity is retrieved using the specification as the retrieval condition

responsive to direct selection from said second option.

17-19 (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal ~~by way of using~~ a network, the method comprising:

storing a table indicative of a correspondence between objects of use and necessary specifications of commodities required to achieve said objects of use;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by commodities for sale on the terminal with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities;

~~preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required for the commodities;~~

~~acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table using the first option based on said correspondence stored in the table, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities;~~

~~retrieving a database of the commodities-commodity for sale on the basis of based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and~~

~~transmitting to the terminal data on a of the commodity having specifications-specification corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications-specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user, where said data of the commodity is retrieved using the specification as the retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.~~

21. (CANCELLED)

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal ~~by way of using~~ a network, the method comprising:

storing a table indicative of a correspondence between objects of use and necessary

specifications of commodities required to achieve said objects of use;

displaying a first option indicating the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities with a second option listing the specifications of said commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between objects of use of the commodities and specifications required for the commodities, the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table using the first option based on said correspondence stored in the table, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving a database of the commodities-commodity for sale on the basis of based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a of the commodity having the retrieved specification without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user, where said data of the commodity is retrieved using the specification as the retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

storing a table indicative of a correspondence between usage information and necessary specifications of commodities;

displaying a first option of selectable commodities usage information identifying specific operations implemented by corresponding to commodities-via a terminal with a second option listing the; said usage information corresponding to specifications required for of the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to usage information selected by a user using the first option, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the usage information indicating a desired operation from the displayed first option of the selectable commodities usage information; and

retrieving the commodities-a commodity based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition and displaying data regarding a-the commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected commodities usage information on the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the usage information selected by the

user, where said data of the commodity is retrieved using the specification as the retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

~~receiving a selected usage information corresponding to a commodity via a terminal selected using a first option, where usage information of commodities corresponds to a respective specification information and identifies specific operations implemented by the commodities with a second option lists specifications of said commodities; and~~

~~retrieving and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected usage information selected subsequent to a user's selection of the usage information displayed via the terminal when the user indicates a desired operation via the first option and without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected usage information, where said data of the commodity is retrieved using the specifications as a retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.~~

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

~~automatically retrieving and displaying a specification information of the commodity subsequent to an input of a selection of usage information by a user from a first option indicating usage information of commodities identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities displayed to the user, and~~

~~where the usage information is stored correspondingly with respective specification information of a commodity to provide the user with to retrieve specification information of the commodity without requiring the user to have knowledge of the specification information and said specification information is retrieved using a specification of the commodity as a retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from a second option.~~

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

~~storing attribute information of commodities available for sale, and displaying a first option of an object of use identifying specific operations implemented by each of the commodities for sale based on the stored attribute information, and displaying a second option~~

listing the object of use corresponding to necessary specifications required for of the commodities; and

enabling a user to make receiving a selection of a user from the displayed object of use using the first option and providing-retrieving information of a corresponding commodity to the user-subsequent to the selection of a desired operation from said specific operations implemented by the commodities, where said information of the commodity is retrieved using the specifications as a retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

27. (CANCELLED)

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method, comprising:

determining a commodity meeting a need of a user in response to a selection from a first option displaying operations implemented by components of commodities by the user, said operations corresponding to specifications and object of uses of the commodities and said first option displayed together with a second option listing specifications of each commodity; and

retrieving only a list of commodities matching a desired operation selected from said operations by the user using the first option subsequent to said determining and allowing the user to select a commodity from the list, where said list of commodities is retrieved using a specification as a retrieval condition responsive to direct selection from said second option.

29. (NEW) A method of retrieving a commodity, comprising:

displaying a specification retrieval option listing components of commodities simultaneously with an object of use option listing objects of use of commodities in an initial menu; and

identifying a commodity matching an object of use selected by a first user from said object of use option of said initial menu, where the commodity is identified responsive to selection of components of the commodity by a second user using said specification retrieval option of the initial menu.